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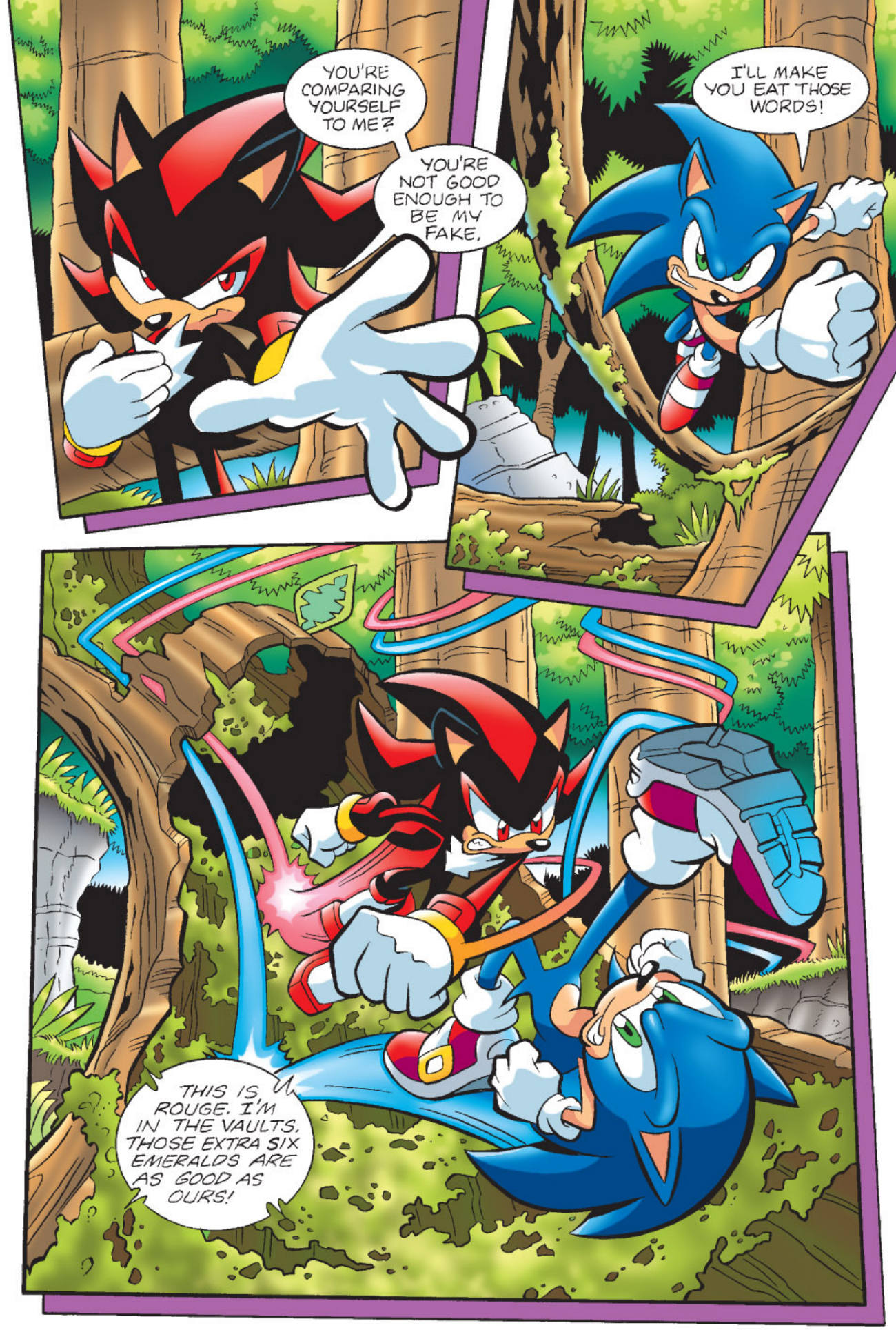
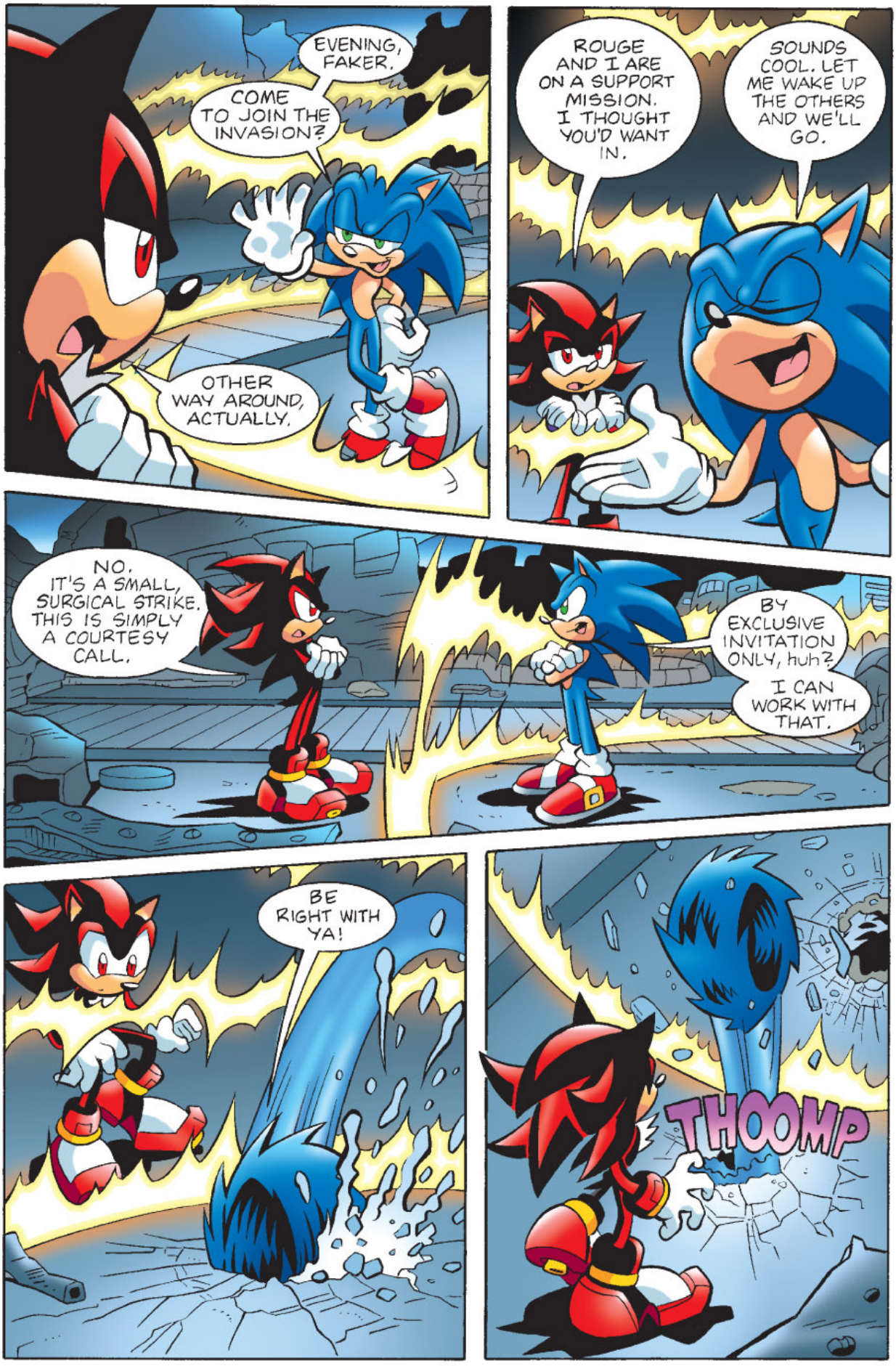
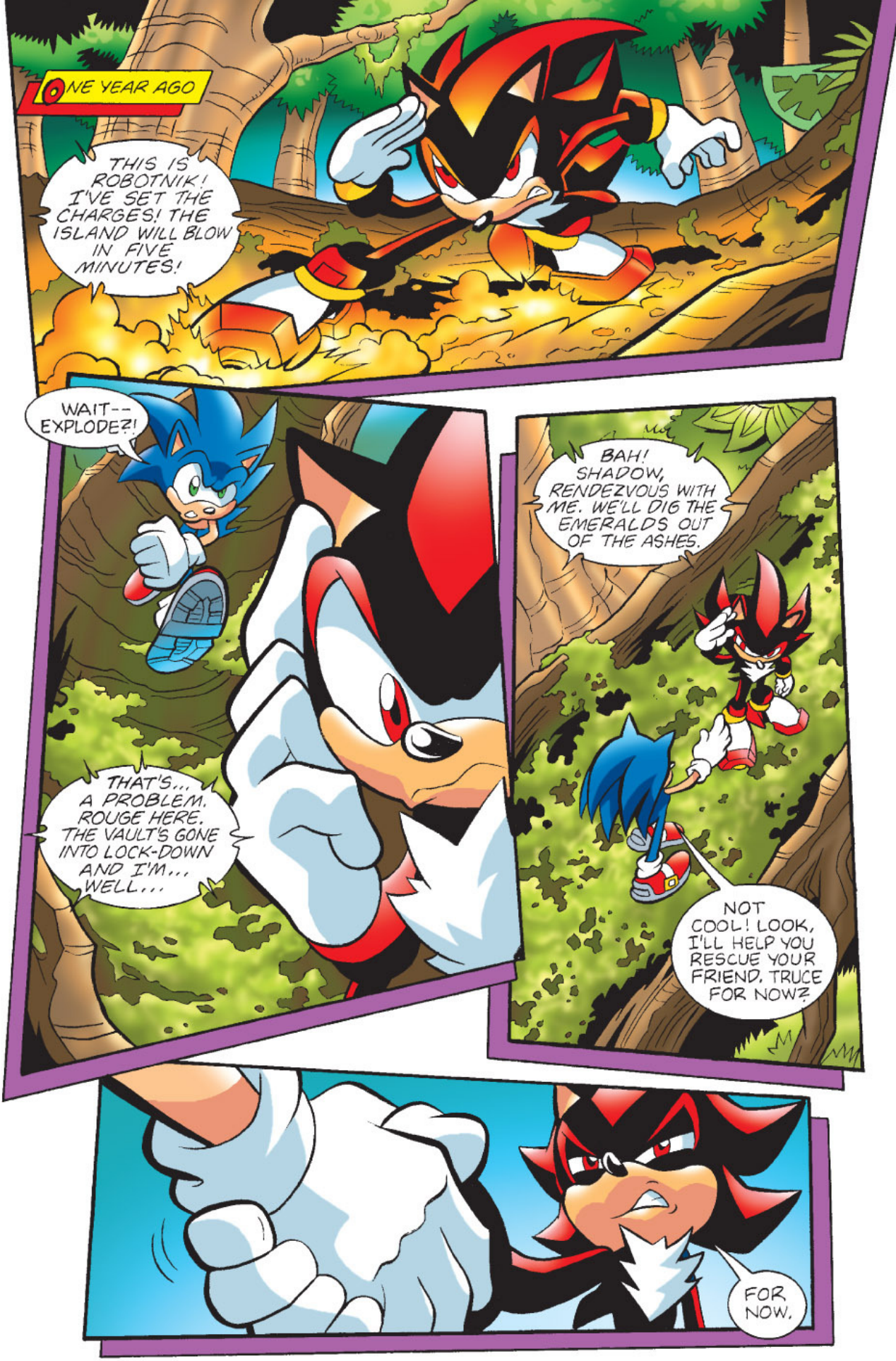
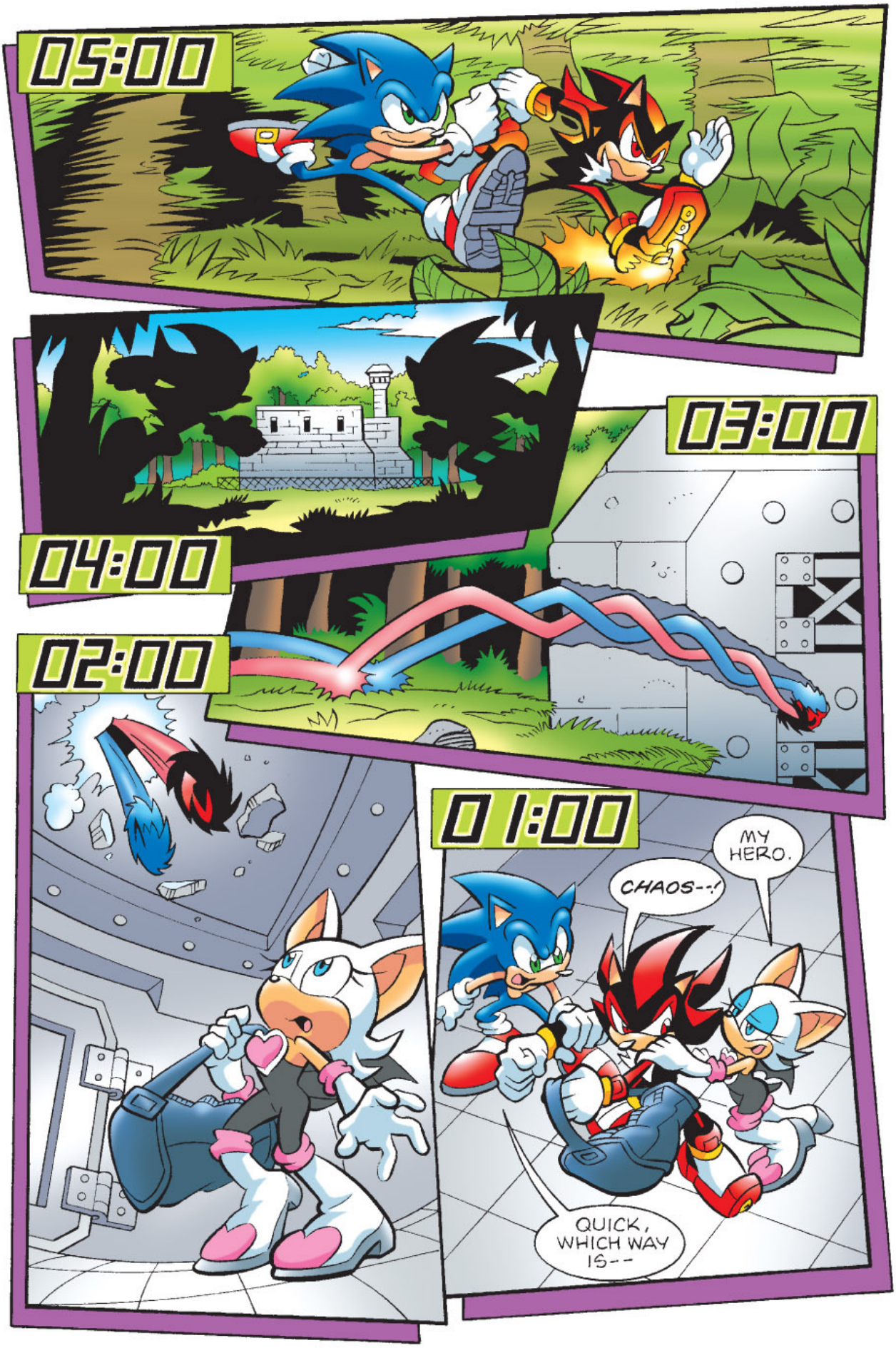

YOU'RE COMPARING YOURSELF TO ME?
YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE MY FAKE.
I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS!
THIS IS ROUGE. I'M IN THE VAULTS. THOSE EXTRA SIX EMERALDS ARE AS GOOD AS OURS!

TONK! TONK!
HZZZMAH...?
WAKE UP, BLUE HEDGEHOG. WE NEED TO TALK.
NEW MEGAOPOLIS-- OUTSIDE THE EGGDOME PRESENT DAY
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HERO OF MOBIUS
=YAWN!=
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG LIVING WEAPON


EVENING, FAKER.
COME TO JOIN THE INVASION?
OTHER WAY AROUND, ACTUALLY.
ROUGE AND I ARE ON A SUPPORT MISSION. I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT IN.
SOUNDS COOL. LET ME WAKE UP THE OTHERS AND WE'LL GO.
NO. IT'S A SMALL, SURGICAL STRIKE. THIS IS SIMPLY A COURTESY CALL.
BY EXCLUSIVE INVITATION ONLY, huh?
I CAN WORK WITH THAT.
BE RIGHT WITH YA!
THOOMP

ALRIGHT! SO WHERE'S THE PARTY?
ROUGE IS WAITING AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT THREE CLICKS TO NORTHEAST. IT'S A LARGE CONVERTED OBSERVATORY.
COOL, RACE YA!
Hmph!


ONE YEAR AGO
THIS IS ROBOTNIK! I'VE SET THE CHARGES! THE ISLAND WILL BLOW IN FIVE MINUTES!
WAIT-- EXPLODE?!
THAT'S... A PROBLEM. ROUGE HERE. THE VAULT'S GONE INTO LOCK-DOWN AND I'M... WELL...
BAH! SHADOW, RENDEZVOUS WITH ME. WE'LL DIG THE EMERALDS OUT OF THE ASHES.
NOT COOL! LOOK, I'LL HELP YOU RESCUE YOUR FRIEND. TRUCE FOR NOW?
FOR NOW.


05:00
04:00
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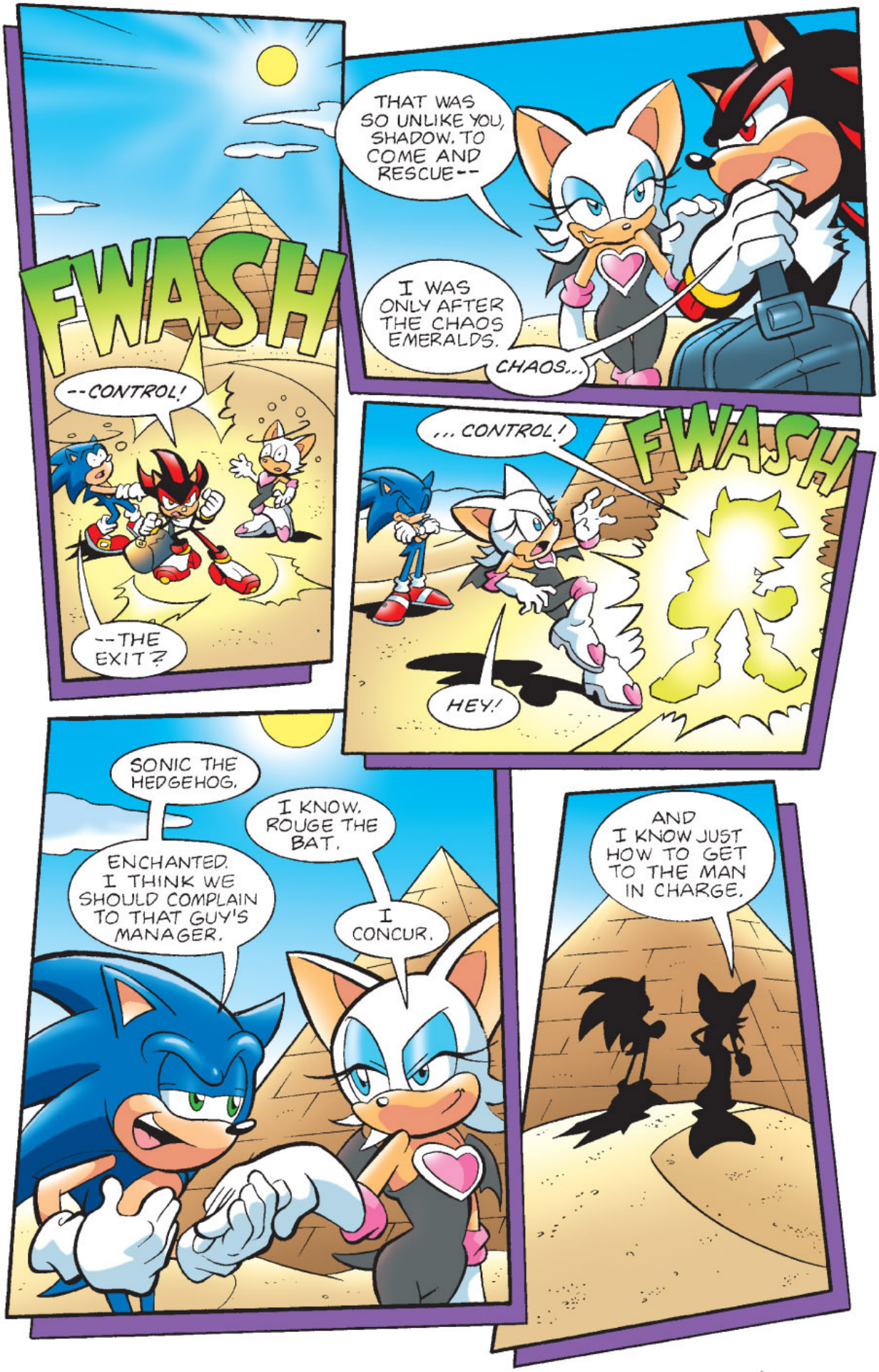
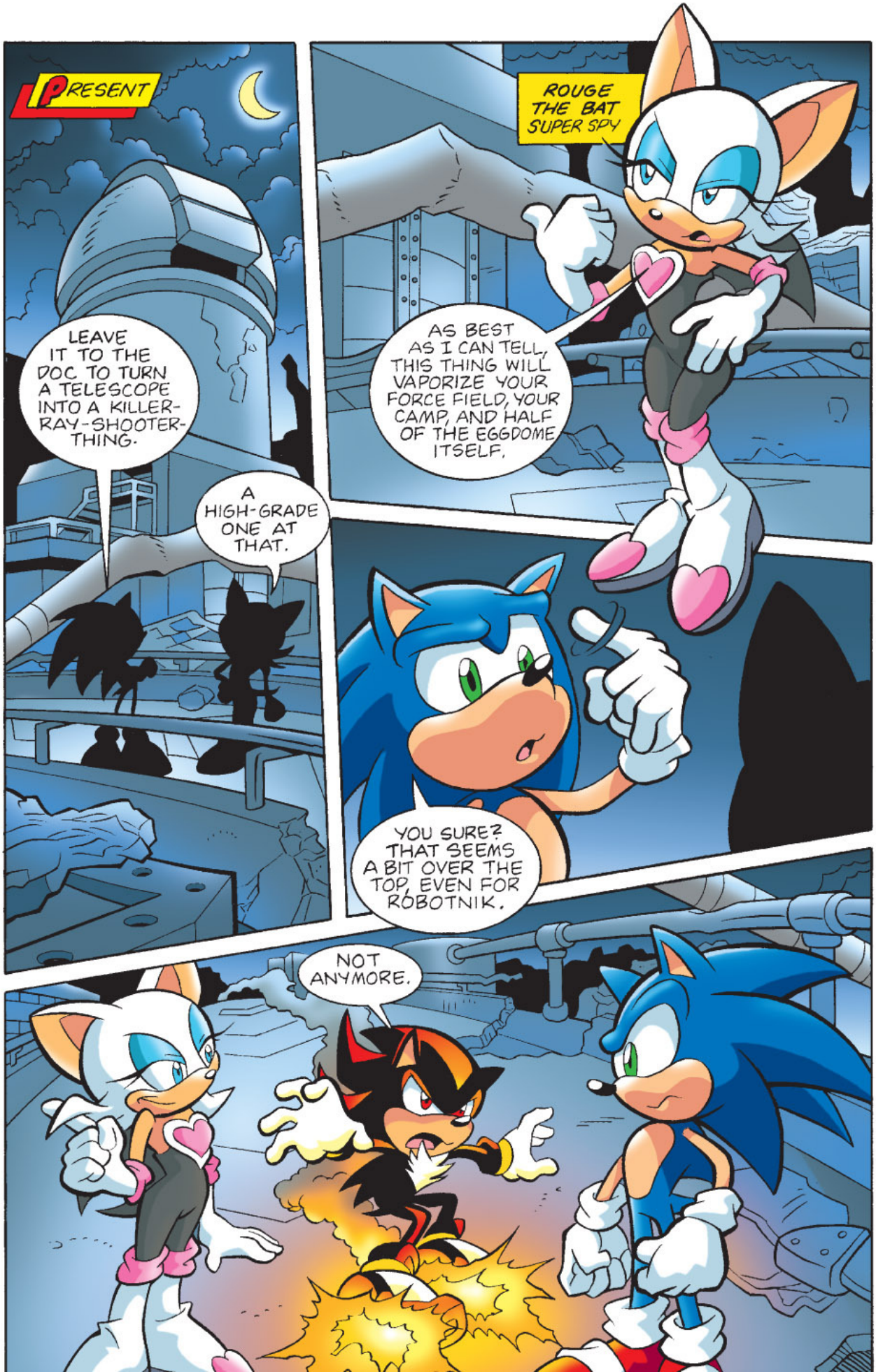
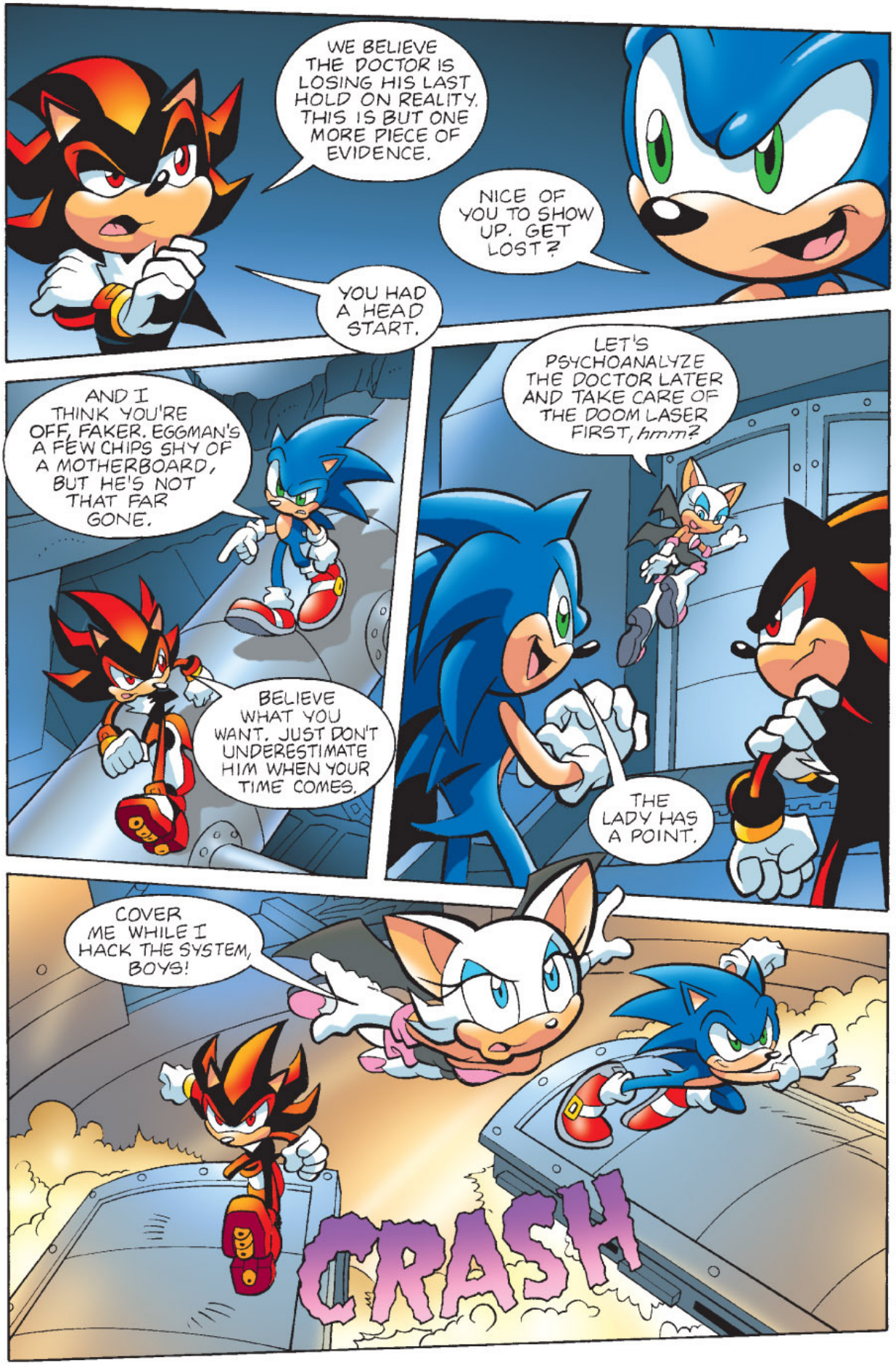
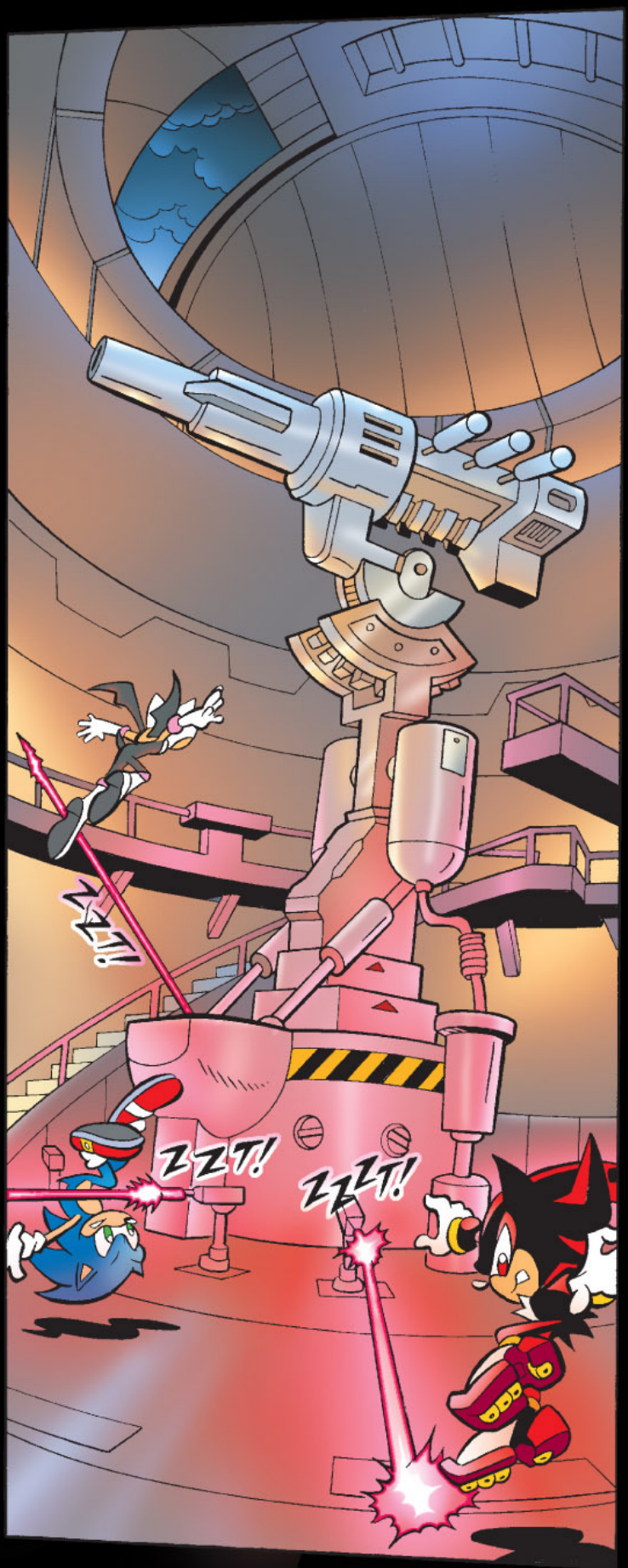
02:00
01:00
MY HERO.
CHAOS--!
QUICK, WHICH WAY IS--


FWASH
--CONTROL!
--THE EXIT?
THAT WAS SO UNLIKE YOU, SHADOW. TO COME AND RESCUE--
I WAS ONLY AFTER THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
CHAOS...
...CONTROL!
FWASH
HEY!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
ENCHANTED. I THINK WE SHOULD COMPLAIN TO THAT GUY'S MANAGER.
I KNOW. ROUGE THE BAT.
I CONCUR.
AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO GET TO THE MAN IN CHARGE.


PRESENT
LEAVE IT TO THE DOC TO TURN A TELESCOPE INTO A KILLER-RAY-SHOOTER-THING.
A HIGH-GRADE ONE AT THAT.
ROUGE THE BAT SUPER SPY
AS BEST AS I CAN TELL, THIS THING WILL VAPORIZE YOUR FORCE FIELD, YOUR CAMP, AND HALF OF THE EGGDOME ITSELF.
YOU SURE? THAT SEEMS A BIT OVER THE TOP, EVEN FOR ROBOTNIK.
NOT ANYMORE.

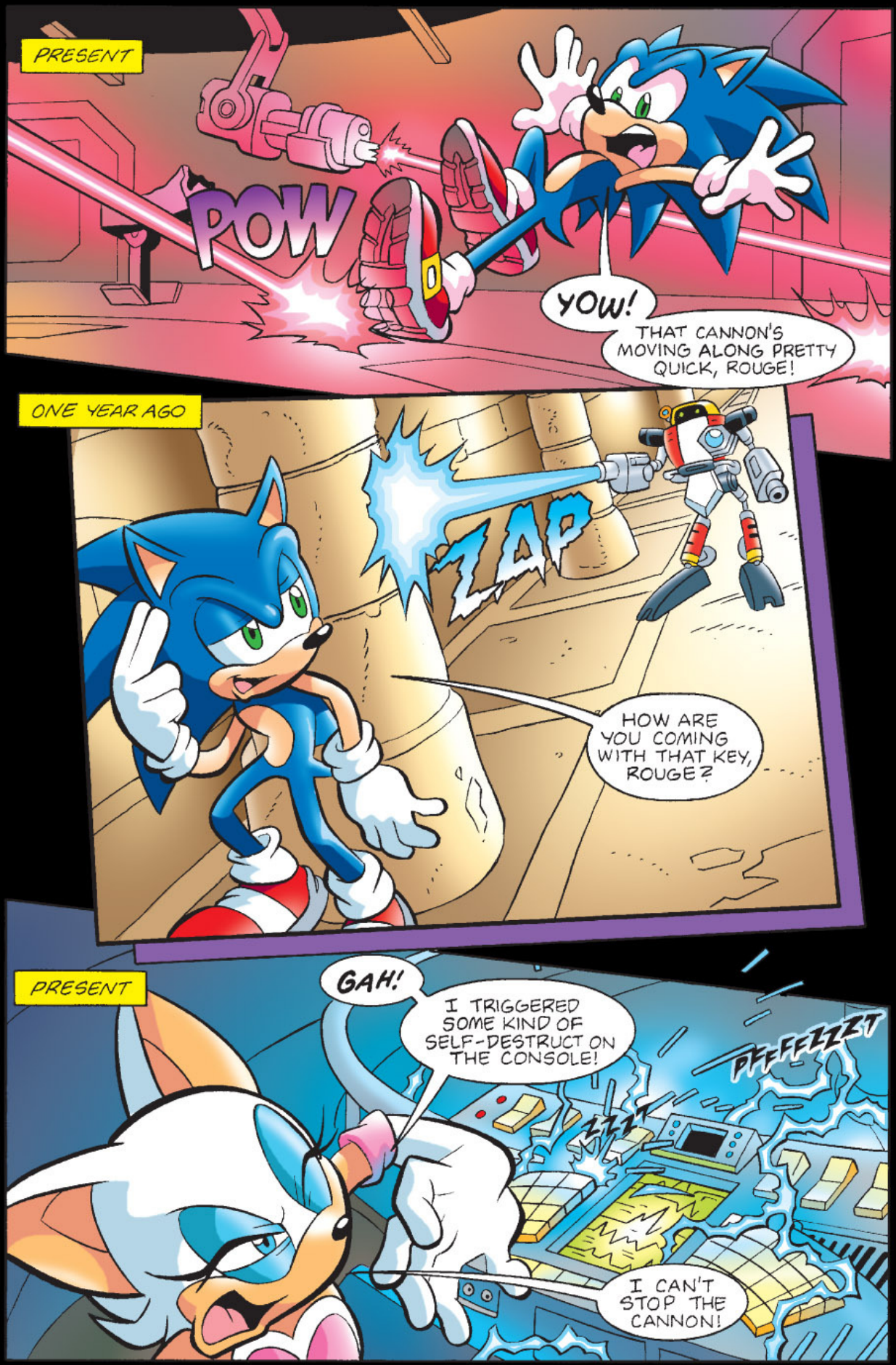

WE BELIEVE THE DOCTOR IS LOSING HIS LAST HOLD ON REALITY. THIS IS BUT ONE MORE PIECE OF EVIDENCE.
NICE OF YOU TO SHOW UP. GET LOST?
YOU HAD A HEAD START.
AND I THINK YOU'RE OFF, FAKER. EGGMAN'S A FEW CHIPS SHY OF A MOTHERBOARD, BUT HE'S NOT THAT FAR GONE.
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT. JUST DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM WHEN YOUR TIME COMES.
LET'S PSYCHOANALYZE THE DOCTOR LATER AND TAKE CARE OF THE DOOM LASER FIRST, hmm?
THE LADY HAS A POINT.
COVER ME WHILE I HACK THE SYSTEM, BOYS!
CRASH


ZZZT!
ZZZT!
ZZZT!

THE CANNON'S MOVING INTO POSITION, ROUGE.
ZZZT!

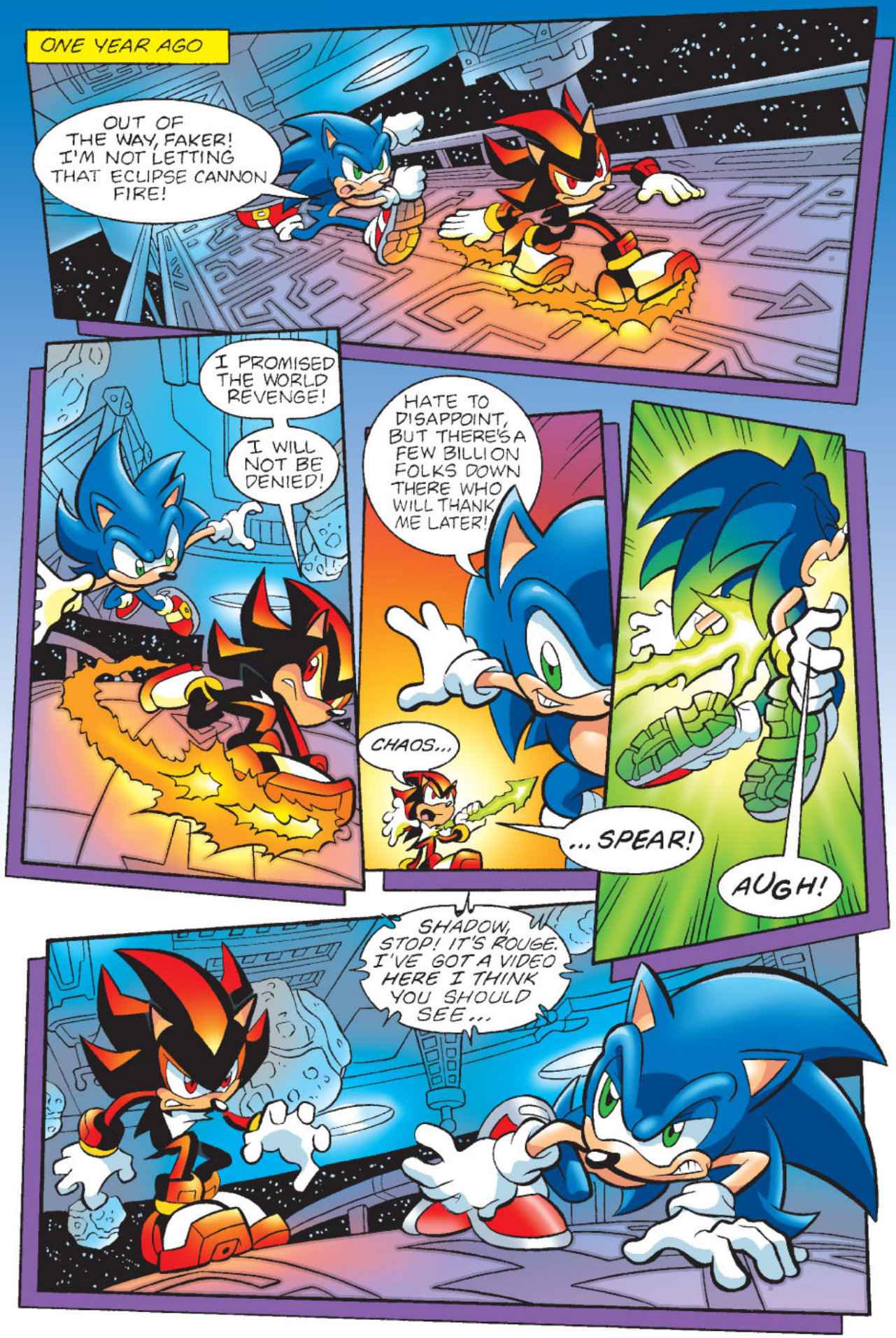
WORKING ON IT. KEEP THE LASERS OFF ME.
ZZT!

ZZZT!
WAY TOO EASY!
ZZZT!


PRESENT
POW
YOW!
THAT CANNON'S MOVING ALONG PRETTY QUICK, ROUGE!
ONE YEAR AGO
ZAP
HOW ARE YOU COMING WITH THAT KEY, ROUGE?
PRESENT
GAH!
I TRIGGERED SOME KIND OF SELF-DESTRUCT ON THE CONSOLE!
PFFFZZZT
I CAN'T STOP THE CANNON!

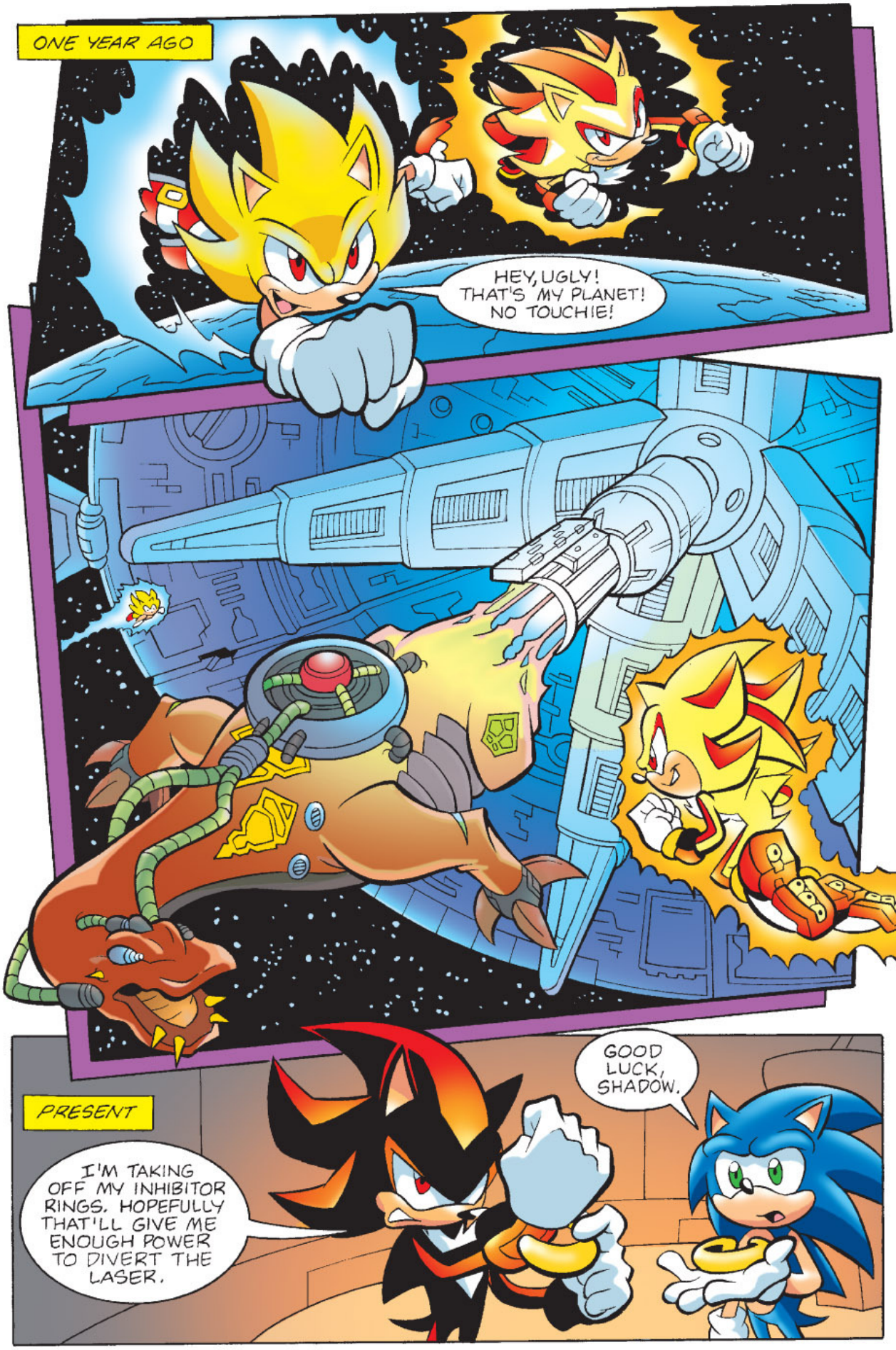
ONE YEAR AGO
YOU DO KNOW HOW TO FLY THIS THING, RIGHT?
STRAP IN AND HOLD ON, AND WE'LL FIND OUT!
BWOOM
PRESENT
YOU'RE SURE WE CAN'T STOP IT?
NOT QUIETLY OR CLEANLY.
THEN WE DO NEITHER.

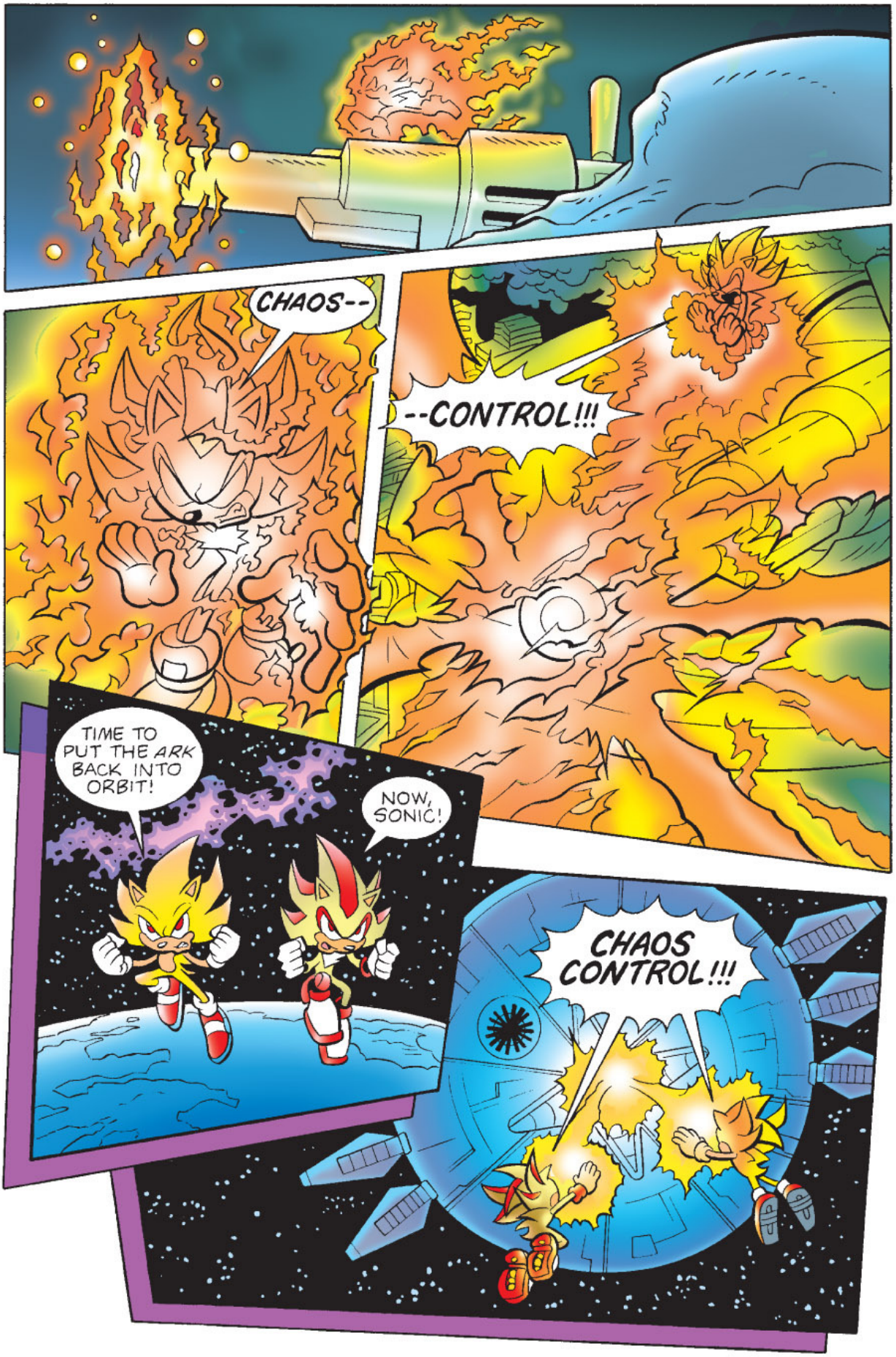
CHAOS SPEAR!
NO GOOD!
WHAM
WHAT'S THIS THING MADE OF?!
WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU CAN BREAK THE COUPLING LOCKS!
IF YOU BREAK WHERE IT ALL JOINS TOGETHER, WE CAN MAYBE THROW OFF THE ANGLE OF THE SHOT!


ONE YEAR AGO
OUT OF THE WAY, FAKER! I'M NOT LETTING THAT ECLIPSE CANNON FIRE!
I PROMISED THE WORLD REVENGE!
I WILL NOT BE DENIED!
HATE TO DISAPPOINT, BUT THERE'S A FEW BILLION FOLKS DOWN THERE WHO WILL THANK ME LATER!
CHAOS...
...SPEAR!
AUGH!
SHADOW, STOP! IT'S ROUGE. I'VE GOT A VIDEO HERE I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE...

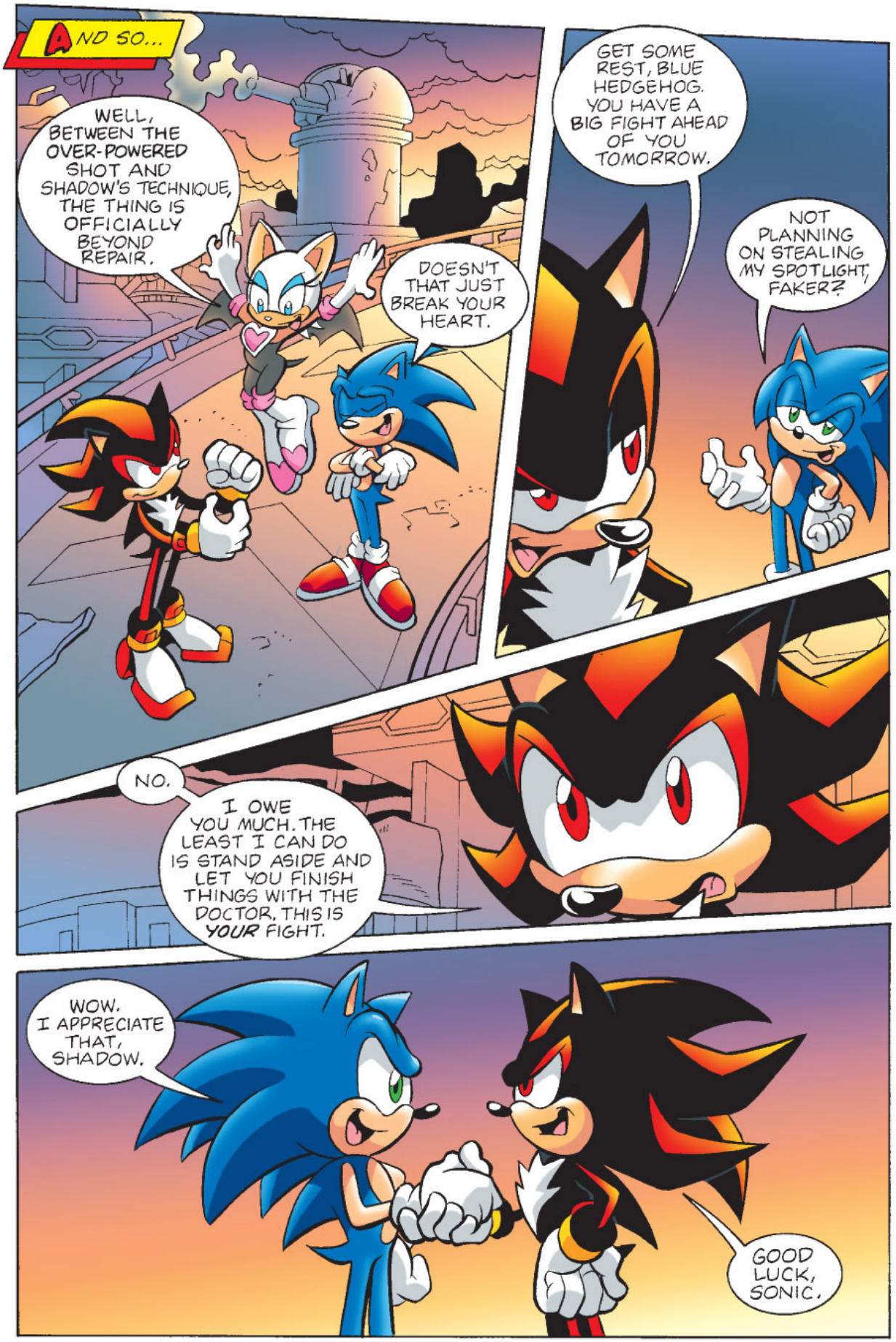
PRESENT
I'VE GOT THE LEFT LOCK-THINGIE!
I'LL TAKE RIGHT.
CREEEAK
CRASH!
NO!
WE JUST PUT IT AT THE ANGLE TO FIRE!

ONE YEAR AGO
GYAAAAAH!
FWASH
WAS THAT...
...CHAOS CONTROL?!
THE BEAST HAS FUSED WITH THE ARK! IT'S PULLING US TOWARDS MOBIUS!
MARIA... I FAILED YOU.
NOT SO FAST, FAKER. WE'VE GOT SEVEN TRUMP CARDS RIGHT HERE.


ONE YEAR AGO
HEY, UGLY! THAT'S MY PLANET! NO TOUCHIE!
PRESENT
I'M TAKING OFF MY INHIBITOR RINGS. HOPEFULLY THAT'LL GIVE ME ENOUGH POWER TO DIVERT THE LASER.
GOOD LUCK, SHADOW.


CHAOS--
--CONTROL!!!
TIME TO PUT THE ARK BACK INTO ORBIT!
NOW, SONIC!
CHAOS CONTROL!!!

SHADOW!
THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED...
...WASN'T IT...
...MARIA?
WHA--?
YEAH, WE'RE NOT GOING THROUGH THAT AGAIN.


AND SO...
WELL, BETWEEN THE OVER-POWERED SHOT AND SHADOW'S TECHNIQUE, THE THING IS OFFICIALLY BEYOND REPAIR.
DOESN'T THAT JUST BREAK YOUR HEART.
GET SOME REST, BLUE HEDGEHOG. YOU HAVE A BIG FIGHT AHEAD OF YOU TOMORROW.
NOT PLANNING ON STEALING MY SPOTLIGHT, FAKER?
NO.
I OWE YOU MUCH. THE LEAST I CAN DO IS STAND ASIDE AND LET YOU FINISH THINGS WITH THE DOCTOR. THIS IS *YOUR* FIGHT.
WOW. I APPRECIATE THAT, SHADOW.
GOOD LUCK, SONIC.

MY-MY-MY!
WHAT?
LOOK HOW FAR YOUR RELATIONSHIP HAS COME!
Hmph.
HE HAS MY RESPECT, THAT'S ALL.
OF COURSE. FAR TOO SCANDALOUS FOR YOU TWO TO BE FRIENDS.

SHADOW'S NOT DONE WITH DR. ROBOTNIK'S WEAPONS YET!

CAN HE TURN ONE TO G.U.N.'S CAUSE, OR WILL THE NEWEST BADNIK PROVE LETHAL? THE NEXT STORY HAS IT ALL—FROM A TO Z!

OR SHOULD WE SAY

GAMMA TO OMEGA?

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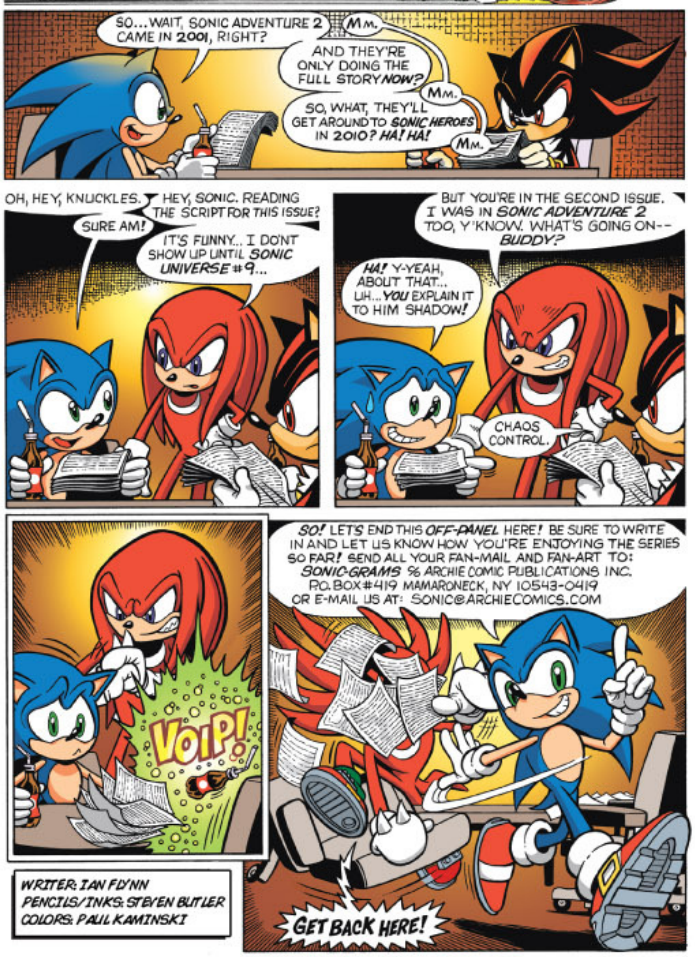
BETTER HOLD ON TIGHT...
BECAUSE YOU KNOW THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN **LIVING WEAPONS COLLIDE!**
COMIN' AT YA THE WEEK OF 5/11/09!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 199

ALL. OUT. WAR!
BE HERE WHEN OUR HEROES GO... **KNOCKING ON EGGMAN'S DOOR!**
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 4/20/09!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN OFF PANEL


SO... WAIT, SONIC ADVENTURE 2 CAME IN 2001, RIGHT?
MM.
AND THEY'RE ONLY DOING THE FULL STORY NOW?
MM.
SO, WHAT, THEY'LL GET AROUND TO SONIC HEROES IN 2010? HA! HA!
MM.
OH, HEY, KNUCKLES.
HEY, SONIC. READING THE SCRIPT FOR THIS ISSUE?
SURE AM!
IT'S FUNNY... I DON'T SHOW UP UNTIL SONIC UNIVERSE #9...
BUT YOU'RE IN THE SECOND ISSUE. I WAS IN SONIC ADVENTURE 2 TOO, Y'KNOW. WHAT'S GOING ON-- BUDDY?
HA! Y-YEAH, ABOUT THAT... UH... YOU EXPLAIN IT TO HIM SHADOW!
CHAOS CONTROL.
VOIP!
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